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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT : Project [redacted]

1. In a series of meetings with representatives of the interested offices, it has been determined that there is a need for a small testing facility within CIA for use in connection with Project Artichoke. The establishment of this facility and the activities connected therewith have been assigned the unclassified code word [redacted]. The purpose of this facility is to enable us to conduct a series of tests to determine means of improving our ability to detect deception on the part of individuals.

2. The administration of the facility and the direction of testing will be the responsibility of TSS. The actual tests to be conducted and the materials to be used will be reviewed and approved by I&S and the CIA Medical Officer prior to initiation of specific projects. Personnel required for the work will be drawn from the interested activities, initially, as follows:

Project Director: To be assigned to TSS on a loan basis, with individuals suggested for consideration as follows:

Dr. [redacted] Staff, D/TR
Dr. [redacted] TRS

Project Advisory Group: (To assist in planning projects, and to guide project along lines most fruitful for operational purposes).

Dr. [redacted] RDD
Dr. [redacted] CSO
Mr. [redacted] I&S
Mr. [redacted]

Project Assistants: Medical Officer) To be assigned by
Medical Technician) Chief, CIA Medical Staff.
Polygraph Assistant) To be assigned by I&S

Additional support O/SI, TSS, I&S, etc.
as requested by:

3. Space in the amount of about 1500 square feet within the agency is being arranged by I&S. Funds, equipment and materials are available or can be obtained from existing, approved projects.

4. All of the arrangements noted above are concurred in by the heads of the offices concerned, with full support and assistance guaranteed, subject to over-all approval of the project from a policy point of view by the Director, Central Intelligence. It is believed that these arrangements are adequate to insure full control of the project from the medical, scientific, and security point of view; with the direction of each aspect of the project under competent and experienced leadership.

5. Your approval, in principle, of this project is solicited in order that we may proceed with its implementation.

Project Coordinator

Concurrence:

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Chief, TSS

CIA Security Officer

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Concurrence:

Deputy Director for Central Intelligence